the district and taluk headquarter hospitals in the Presidency, instead of salaried officers as at present, and establishing first-rate, up-to-date and well-equipped district and taluk headquarter hospitals ;

(b) whether such a scheme has ever been brought to the notice of the Government; and

(c) if so, what was the decision of the Government thereon ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The question of appointing honorary surgeons and physicians was considered by the Government in 1923 and it was then decided to introduce the system as an experimental measure in the several Government hospitals in Madras City. The Government have now decided to extend the system to the District Headquarter Hospitals and details of this are being worked out.

Alleged representation to abandon the opening of the Medical school proposed to be started at Guntur.

*1396 *Q.*—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received representation from the people of Guntur not to abandon the opening of the medical school proposed to be started at Guntur;

(*b*) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the deputation of the Andhras that waited on the Surgeon-General when he visited Guntur, on the subject;

(*c*) whether the Government intend to start the medical school at Guntur; and

(*d*) whether there is a proposal on the part of the Government to close the medical school existing at Coimbatore which is doing useful work?

A.—(*a*) A representation has been received from the Guntur Municipal Council.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Government have not come to a final decision on the subject.

(*d*) No such proposal is at present under consideration.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao:—" May I know whether there are any medical schools in the Telugu area?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—" There was one at Vizagapatam; there is none at present."

Fisheries

Bulletins issued by the Fisheries Department.

*1397 *Q.*—Mr. C. Gopala Menon: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of bulletins issued by the Fisheries Department since it was organized; and

(*b*) the number of bulletins issued by the present Director of Fisheries excluding the Administration Reports?

A.—(*a*) Twenty-two. Some of the bulletins contain more than one paper each dealing with different subjects.

(*b*) Two; one forming report No. 2 of Bulletin No. 17 and the other report No. 2 of Bulletin No. 22.

The amounts spent on the Fisheries Committee.

* 1398 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the Fisheries Committee has cost so far; and

(*b*) what the approximate cost in future is estimated to be?

A.—(*a*) Rs. 1,769.

(*b*) This will depend on the programme of the Committee for visiting fishing centres on the East Coast in pursuance of the wishes expressed in certain quarters. It is expected that the programme will shortly be drawn up.

Industries

Opening of a model industrial school in the Northern Circars.

* 1399 *Q.*—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state with reference to the answer to clause (*f*) of question No. 689 answered on 26th November 1928 regarding the opening of a model industrial school in the Northern Circars:—

(*a*) whether the report called for from the Director of Industries has been received;

(*b*) whether the Government have passed any orders thereon; and

(*c*) if so, whether the same will be placed on the Council table?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A copy of the orders[a] passed is placed on the table of the House.

Cement manufacture in the Presidency.

* 1400 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the question of cement manufacture in this Presidency has been considered by the Department of Industries; and

(*b*) what steps, if any, the Government have taken in the matter?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The question of cement manufacture was taken up by the Industries department so far back as 1918–19 when the possibilities of the industry were examined, samples of limestone and clay obtained from the vicinity of Bezwada were analysed and the results of the investigation brought to the notice of various firms and syndicates who appeared likely to be interested. Largely as a result of those endeavours, a company known as the Bezwada Portland Cement Company, Limited, was formed, but the project did not materialize, owing to the depression in trade which precluded the raising of the necessary capital. A concern under the name of the

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[a] Printed as Appendix XVIII on pages 665–666 infra.